

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 23-26, 30-43, 51, 53-77 and 80-92. Claims 23, 32, 77, 82, 86, 88 and 91 are currently amended. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is made to place the application in better condition for appeal, notice of which is applied for concurrently.

The claims have been amended to overcome all the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 except for the following, which are respectfully traversed:

The rejection of claim 23 (second item) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed. The Examiner indicates that it is not clear which information is referred to on line 10. Line 10 reads:

“storing the *gathered* information in the index; and.” (Emphasis added.)

Applicant notes that lines 6 and 7 read in part:

“gathering, by a computer, from the plurality of computerized design tools, information on elements of different systems of the vehicle.” Applicant submits that the term “gathered information” referred clearly and unambiguously to the information that is indicated as being gathered in the paragraph beginning line 6.

Applicant notes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is withdrawn. However, applicant can not agree with the interpretation given to the claim by the Examiner. In particular, while quoting parent claim 82 correctly, the Examiner has ignored the limitation:

“generating a database *including information on the relationship between elements of the vehicle from the various systems.*” (Emphasis added.) Clearly the database does include certain information and an empty database does not meet this limitation.

Applicant believes that some of the amendment made to overcome the rejections under §112 may lead to allowance of some of the claims. An indication of any such allowance on an advisory action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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